

REMARKS

This application is a continuation application filed herewith pursuant to 37 CFR 1.60. The parent application, Serial Number 08/305,056 filed September 13, 1994, has been allowed.

Upon filing this application, Applicant has canceled claims 2-8 prior to calculated the filing fee. Thus, for the purposes of this preliminary amendment, only claim 1 remains in the application.

By way of this preliminary amendment, the specification has been amended and claim 1 has been canceled in favor of new claims 9-19.

New claims 9-13 are directed at a method of determining whether or not an individual has metastasized colorectal cancer. The method comprises examining a sample of extraintestinal tissue and/or body fluids from an individual to determine whether ST receptor protein is present in the sample. The presence of ST receptor protein in the sample indicates that the individual has metastasized colorectal cancer. Support for new claims 9-13 is found throughout the specification such as on page 10 line 32 to page 22 line 9. No new matter has been added.

New claims 14-18 are directed kits for performing immunoassays to detect the presence of ST receptor protein.

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New claim 19 is directed at kits for performing PCR assays to detect the presence of mRNA that encodes ST receptor protein. Support for new claim 19 is found throughout the specification such as on page 25 line 28 to page 28 line 37. No new matter has been added.

The specification has been amended to include the required reference to government support and cross reference to related applications. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests that claims 9-19 be allowed at this time.

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